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WHETHER IT BE WAR OR PEACE LIES WITH MEXICO.

Flat Rejection of Carranza's Demand For
Withdrawal of American Troops and
Rebuke for Discourteous Words.

ARE PREPARING FOR CLASH.

Washington, June 20.—In the face of the multitude of reports indicating seething war spirit throughout Mexico, the United States' emphatic refusal to withdraw Gen. Pershing's expedition was communicated officially to Gen. Carranza today.

Whether the result will mean war depends on the Mexicans, and Gen. Carranza is so informed.

Citizens of both nations apparently are preparing for it.

Opposing military forces are facing each other in the border region.

Mobilization of the national guard in every state was being rushed today.

Gen. Carranza in another speech at Mexico City, however, has expressed the hope that hostilities may be avoided.

The terms of the United States' reply to the Carranza note demanding removal of American troops from Mexico leave no doubt that the United States government is approaching the end of its patience with Mexican annoyances, but that it still maintains its original policy of entering war only for defense.

Even while these assurances were being conveyed, came reports that Mexicans were enlisting for military service under the impression that the United States armies are about to attack Mexico.

An ultimatum, said to be virtually a declaration of war, has been served on Commander Kavanaugh of the United States gunboat Annapolis by Gen. Flores, Carranza governor of the State of Sinaloa, west coast, it is reported to the naval authorities. The hostile stand grew out of the clash

Sunday at Mazatlan between blue-jackets from Annapolis and Mexicans, resulting in casualties on both sides.

Mexican government troops were reported last night marching on Del Rio, 100 miles up the Rio Grande from Eagle Pass, with the intention of attacking.

The American note flatly rejecting Gen. Carranza's demand for the withdrawal of United States troops from Mexico, and rebuking the Carranza government for the discourteous tone and temper of its last communication was handed today to Eliseo Arradondo, the Mexican ambassador designate.

Long continued outrages against Americans and their property, both in Mexico and on American soil, are reviewed and warning given that the troops will be kept in Mexico until such a time as the de facto government performs the duty which the United States has not sought, of pursuing the bandits, who ought to be arrested and punished by the Mexican government.

It concludes with the statement that if the de facto government continues to ignore this obligation and carries out its threat to defend its territory by an appeal to arms against the American troops, the gravest consequences will follow.

"While this government would deeply regret such a result," says the note, "it cannot recede from its settled determination to maintain its national rights and to perform its full duty in preventing further invasions of the territory of the United States and in removing the perils which Americans, along the international boundary, have borne so long with patience and forbearance."

Dresden to Celebrate The Fourth of July.

Dresden is going to have a grand Fourth of July celebration. A day of fun and frolic, lemonade and pop-corn; greased pig contest, potato races, pie-eating contests, sack races, fire-works, oratory and everything that makes the hearts of man, woman and child glad. This was decided at a meeting of the business men of Dresden Wednesday.

It's going to be one of those old-time rollicking, happy days that Dresden used to have at her street fairs, when all the county gathered to have fun. The square will be full of people, come to have a share in the joyous abandon of the day. There will be prizes for every contest.

The greased pole will have its dollar resting securely on top of it, waiting for the man who can climb to those slippery heights. The winner of the pie-eating contest will get a prize big enough to pay for all the medicine he may need the next day. Pop-corn, peanuts and lemonade will be abundant, flowing and cheap. Dresden is preparing to entertain her friends from the east and west and the north and south of the county. She wants every man, woman and child to come to see her on that day. She is going to kill the fatted calf and welcome everybody to the feast.

Come prepared to have a good time, for you are going to have it. The glorious Fourth is never going to be more gloriously celebrated.

Full details of the day will appear in next week's Enterprise.

Executive Committee Called.

The democratic executive committee of Weakley county is hereby called to meet in the courthouse in Dresden, on Monday, July 3, at 12:30 p. m., for the purpose of providing the means by which to nominate a candidate for representative for Weakley county, in the next general assembly, and any other business of importance that may come before the committee.

Fulton-Jackson Highway Planned

There was a meeting of good road enthusiasts from many West Tennessee towns at Jackson Tuesday. The object of the meeting was to lay plans for a road from Fulton to Jackson, to appoint a board to supervise the construction of the road and to procure the acceptance by the federal government of the road when completed as a government highway.

It is understood that the government intends to adopt some West Tennessee road as a government highway, and it is possible that this would be graveled at the expense of the government. Several routes have been proposed for this highway, but it will be some time before a selection is made. The selecting committee will be composed of government engineers, a representative of the American Automobile association and a representative of the state highway association. Meanwhile, the towns along the various routes are busily engaged in improving the roads which they hope to be selected.

The men present at the Jackson convention were practically unanimous in wanting the Fulton-to-Jackson highway to follow the Illinois Central railroad company's line through McConnell, Martin, Sharon, Greenfield, Milan and on to Jackson. This is the shortest route by several miles and is on the direct line of the Chicago-to-Gulf highway, which is to be constructed this summer probably. It is said that two thousand automobile owners have already made application for charts of this great proposed highway with the intention of following it from end to end during the summer.

It is probable that a competing Fulton-to-Jackson route will be established by the towns along the line of the Mobile & Ohio railroad.

A board of seven men, one of whom is T. J. Taylor, of Martin, were selected by the convention to organize the enthusiasm and to secure the co-operation of all the towns along the route. These men are to supervise the construction of the road and to get it in shape for acceptance by the government as a government highway.

READY TO BLOCKADE WEST COAST PORTS.

Admiral Winslow's Fighting Ships So
Placed as to Dominate Absolutely
Mexico's Outlets to Pacific.

MARINES RUSHED TO FRONT.

Washington, June 21.—The United States today anxiously awaited word from Mexico City regarding Gen. Carranza's attitude toward the American note sent him yesterday, for on him depended the question of war between the two republics.

High officials here admitted privately they look for war, although care was taken to avoid any formal expression or acts which might appear fore-runners of a declaration of war.

The only answer required from Gen. Carranza is action suppressing outlaw treatment of Americans and officials feared against hope that this would not be done.

Unofficial versions of the note probably were published in Mexico City today and the official text may already be in Gen. Carranza's hands.

Military authorities were looking for the de facto government's attitude in Mexican threatening troop movements near the border to-day, and in preparation for these the war department was getting ready to act on Gen. Funston's request for immediate dispatch of a national guard units to the border. It was said Secretary Baker and President Wilson probably would determine what organizations should be sent.

The flotilla of torpedo boat destroyers, consisting of the Hull, flagship of Lieutenant W. W. Bradley, flotilla commander, Hopkins and Truxtun, are in readiness to-day for a dash down the Mexican west coast to join other units of the Pacific fleet, which either are already in Mexican ports or on their way.

The cruiser San Diego, flagship of Admiral Winslow, departed yesterday, presumably for Guaymas or Mazatlan, closely followed by the cruisers Pittsburg, flagship of Rear Admiral Fullan, commander of the Pacific reserve fleet, and the Colorado.

Authorities here on naval matters said that Admiral Winslow, commander of the Pacific fleet, could blockade effectively within a short time every port on the Mexican west coast if events rendered such action necessary.

It also was reported that Admiral Winslow would place Rear Admiral Fullan in command of the naval forces operating south of Manzanillo to Selina Cruz.

The armored cruiser Maryland, which departed from the Puget Sound navy yard yesterday, is expected here in a few days. The cruiser South Dakota, scheduled to leave the Puget Sound yard to-day, is to take aboard every available marine at the northern port, call at San Francisco for the same purpose and proceed to San Diego for orders, it was announced.

Not since the beginning of the Mexican troubles has there been such a powerful fleet sent to the Mexican littoral for patrol purposes, nor has an American admiral ever before taken the precaution so to place his fighting ships that within a few moments after an outbreak of hostilities he could effectually blockade every west coast Mexican port from Guaymas to Selina Cruz.

The Iron Claw Number Two.

After being rescued by that mysterious avenger of wrongs, known to the under-world as "The Laughing mask," and returned to her father, from whom she was kidnapped when a child, Marjory is again threatened by the sinister master criminal, Legar, alias "The Iron Claw." Legar's purpose is to wreak vengeance on Enoch Golden, the girl's father, who years before, finding Legar, then his friend, unfaithful, had the latter's face seared with white-hot irons and his hand crushed in a vise. To intimidate Golden into returning his daughter to his (Legar's) clutches, the master criminal, with the help of Stein's electric ray projector, a deadly instrument, sets fire to many of Golden's properties. Margery, seeing she is the cause of this, returns to the "Iron Claw."

But, by the looks of things, Legar won't have such easy sailing, for Davy Manley, Golden's secretary, has her interests at heart, and that other mysterious agent, "The Laughing Mask," promises to give further account of himself. A new episode at the Kozy every Saturday.

Back Home Again; Traveled 727 Miles

After a journey of 727 miles, the editor, wife and daughter, Miss Forrest, Mrs. Mary Garrett and Hon. Alfred Thomason, reached home late Wednesday afternoon, having left Alton, Ill., thirty miles above St. Louis, on Tuesday morning.

The entire trip was made without the slightest mishap—not even a puncture coming or going—and the car worked beautifully, despite the miserable Illinois roads, which are used extensively as drainage for farms. Many interesting sights were observed enroute—too many to enumerate.

On the trip of 727 miles we used a grand total of forty-seven gallons of gasoline, which cost on an average of twenty-two cents a gallon, making \$10.34 transportation expense for five people—pretty cheap traveling, eh?

West Tennessee is at least ten years ahead of Southern Illinois in the matter of road making—or, rather, dirt road maintenance. They do not use the drag in that section, and their dirt roads seem to be turned over absolutely to the contractors. Later we will tell you more of this trip, perhaps!

**The square Deal
is the Rule of our
Business**



**THE SQUARE DEAL WINS; WE KNOW IT
YOU'LL GET IT FROM US; AND YOU WILL KNOW IT
EVERY TIME YOU BUY AND USE OUR HARD-
WARE.**

**IT IS QUALITY THAT COUNTS. IT IS OUR RULE
TO GIVE STANDARD, RELIABLE HARDWARE AT
LOW, FAIR, SQUARE PRICES; TO STAND BACK
OF EVERYTHING WE SELL AND "MAKE GOOD."
WE CARRY THE STOCK.**

Miles & Brundige
MARTIN, TENNESSEE

Tennessee Editor Autos Here.

Mayor Will Gradolph of Clifton Terrace was in the city last evening and with him was Joe L. Holbrook, editor and proprietor of the Dresden, (Tenn.) Enterprise. Mr. Holbrook is a genial gentleman and is a hard roads or good roads booster. He believes dragging the roads consistently and thoroughly will solve the bad roads question, where macadam or brick are out of the question. He made the trip from his home in his automobile and brought his family with him. He has two weeks vacation, he says, and desired to spend that two weeks where it would do himself and family the most good, in Clifton Terrace, Illinois, where the ozone is like new wine; the people like regular human beings; the fish like turkey elsewhere; the milk like honey; butter like nectar of the gods, and the eatables generally such as Caesar never tasted and for which Cleopatra would not have killed herself if she could have cooked, as Clifton Terrace women can and do prepare them. Mr. Holbrook's automobile was decorated with good roads streamers, and these flashed out their message or appeal to everybody along the route between here and Tennessee.—Alton (Ill.) Daily Telegram.

Prominent Young Couple to Wed.

The most brilliant wedding of the season will occur at the school building at 8:30 on the evening of Tuesday, June 27.

The groom is one of the most prominent and distinguished young business men of the town, while the fair bride is beautiful beyond compare, belongs to one of the oldest and most prominent families in the state and has long reigned as a belle.

The attendants are some of the most prominent young people of the town.

The wedding march will be played by the most brilliant musician in the county.

The small admission fee of 10 and 15 cents will be charged to enable the young couple to go to housekeeping. Come out. You are invited.

Notice.

If you owe us an account we want it, and must have it. Those that pay us promptly will save cost, as we shall sue on all accounts after July 1.—Irvine Grocery Co.